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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	24,775
Registrar General's Estimate of Population	6,420
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1966	2,073
Rateable value	£162,912
Net product of penny rate	£ 608.19.8.

VITAL STATISTICS

	Males	Females	Total
Live Births - Legitimate	46	46	92
- Illegitimate	3	4	7
Still Births - Legitimate	-	1	1
- Illegitimate	-	-	-

	Rate for District		Rate for England & Wales 1967
	Crude	Corrected	
Live Birth Rate	15.4	18.3	17.2
Death Rate	7.8	7.2	11.2
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	Nil		18.3

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CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	1	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	4
Coronary disease, angina	4	1
Other heart disease	4	7
Other circulatory disease	-	1
Pneumonia	3	-
Bronchitis	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Other defined or ill defined diseases	3	5
All other accidents	1	1
	27	23

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 196

Disease	Under 1	1/2	2/3	3/4	4/5	5/10	10/15	15/25	25/35	35/45	45/64	65 and over	Age unknown
Measles	-	7	9	10	11	34	6	22	-	1	-	1	3

Tuberculosis

New Cases and Mortality during 1967

No new cases were notified during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

Supply

Sources of supply for the district remained unchanged as follows -

(a) Leicester Corporation's Welland Valley borehole to the parishes of -

Uppingham
Lyddington
Thorpe-by-Water
Ayston
Bisbrooke
Seaton
Stoke Dry
Glaston

(b) Leicester Corporation's River Dove source to the parishes of -

North Luffenham
South Luffenham
Morcott
Wing
Preston
Ridlington
Pilton
Belton

(c) Oundle & Thrapston R.D.C's borehole at Tixover (bulk supply to the parish of Barrowden).

(d) Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board supply to the parish of Caldecott.

(e) Two small parishes are without public main supply, i.e. Wardley (population 22) and Beaumont Chase (population 6). At Wardley a good piped supply is available from a private estate.

Quantity and Quality

No centre of population in the district (excepting Wardley already adequately supplied) is without mains water. There remain only a few isolated properties outside the range of water mains. None of the mains supplies have plumbo-solvent characteristics.

The City of Leicester Water Department and the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board have their own arrangements for sampling and examination of water supplies and routine duplicate sampling is considered unnecessary.

Samples have been taken during the year for bacteriological examination in private well waters, and also for plumbo-solvent characteristics.

Water Sampling

Samples taken	Supply	Samples taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Bacteriological	Private	6	3	3
	Public	3	3	-
Chemical	Private	3	2	1
	Public	-	-	-

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the district. Uppingham School has its own swimming bath for the use of the boys and staff and the public are admitted at certain times.

Name of Parish	Supplied by Mains Water Direct		Supplied by Stand-pipe	
	Houses	Estimated Population	Houses	Estimated Population
Ayston	15	46	-	-
Barrowden	127	393	-	-
Belton	94	291	2	6
Bisbrooke	58	180	-	-
Caldecott	91	282	-	-
Glaston	58	180	-	-
Luffenham North	131	406	4	12
Luffenham South	104	322	-	-
Lyddington	119	368	-	-
Morcott	110	341	1	3
Pilton	8	25	-	-
Preston	73	226	-	-
Ridlington	62	192	-	-
Seaton	56	173	-	-
Stoke Dry	11	34	-	-
Thorpe by Water	12	37	-	-
Uppingham	792	2453	-	-
Wing	100	310	-	-
Totals	2021	6259	7	21

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

The sewered villages are -

Barrowden
Belton
Bisbrooke
Caldecott
Glaston
Luffenham, North
Luffenham, South
Lyddington
Morcott
Preston (parts of)
Ridlington
Uppingham and
Wing

The sewered villages include 95% of the population of the district. Schemes are being prepared for three more villages - Ayston, Seaton and the remainder of Preston. When the schemes are complete only about 2% of the population will be outside sewered areas.

The surface aeration works at Uppingham produced a satisfactory effluent during the year, but difficulty was encountered with the disposal of surplus activated sludge drawn off from the final settling tank. This ultra-fine sludge was sprayed onto land which proved to be of insufficient area and absorption capacity. Temporary sludge lagoons provided only a stop gap and a permanently satisfactory solution to the problem must be found.

The Council have exercised compulsory closet conversion powers and the estimated closet accommodation for dwellings at the end of the year was -

Pail Closets	58
Water Closets	2,015

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A ten-day refuse collection service was maintained. Difficulties in controlling the refuse tip continued. These difficulties were eased when unrestricted public access to the tip was stopped.

A working party has been formed with adjacent authorities to consider combining resources to dispose of refuse more efficiently. The working party has as yet made little progress.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The specialist contractors appointed to do this work were efficient and dealt with complaints quickly and effectively.

The number of complaints of pests received was 26

The number of visits paid to premises was 96

A 10% test bait of sewered villages was carried out and a small follow-up treatment was necessary. In no case was a surface to sewer infestation found.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Particulars given here are for all purposes, including particulars given elsewhere in the report.

Total number of complaints received	56
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered	73

Nature of Inspections	Number of Inspections	Number of re-visits
Water supplies	13	7
Milk supplies	-	-
Dwellinghouses	83	39
Tents, vans, etc.	5	7
Food premises	54	28
Offensive Trades	-	-
Factories and Workshops	13	3
Drainage systems	51	17
Sewage plant	129	96
Slaughterhouses	1	90
Meat and foods	92	-
Infectious Disease	-	-
Refuse collection and disposal	34	72
Offices and Shops	-	-
Miscellaneous	70	12
Farm premises	11	3
Pests	30	96
	586	470

NOTICES

Preliminary	Housing	Others
Outstanding on 1st January, 1967	8	2
Issued during the year	4	8
Complied with during the year	8	5
Statutory action necessary	1	-
Outstanding on 31st December, 1967	4	5
Statutory		
Outstanding on 1st January, 1967	-	6
Issued during the year	2	5
Complied with during the year	2	7
Outstanding on 31st December, 1967	-	4

HOUSING

Grant-aided improvements continued to make the most effective contribution towards modernisation and saving houses from demolition or closure.

The following table shows the grant-aided work carried out in 1967 -

Grant-aided	"Standard"		"Discretionary"	
	Owner-occupied	Tenanted	Owner-occupied	Tenanted
Approved	6	6	11	4
Completed	6	9	11	8

The number of unfit houses demolished during the year	7
The number of unfit houses closed during the year	-
The number of unfit houses made fit after formal action	-
The number of unfit houses remedied as a result of informal L.A. action	17
The number of new private dwellings completed	30
The number of new private dwellings under construction at the end of the year	41
The number of Council dwellings completed	10
The number of Council dwellings under construction at the end of the year	8

More dwellings for old people are still needed.

At the end of the year the number of applicants for accommodation on the Council's list approximated 140. Thirty-five applications were from persons outside the district.

FOOD

Milk

Routine milk sampling was not done, due to pressure of duties in other directions.

Meat & Foods

One small slaughterhouse continued in use in the district and 100% meat inspection for the year was achieved.

Carcases Inspected

Animals	Cattle (excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	206	Nil	Nil	793	2	Nil
Number Inspected	206	Nil	Nil	793	2	Nil

Amount Rejected (Percentage)

Rejected	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs
Carcases or parts of carcases	Nil	Nil	Nil
Organs	12%	3%	Nil
Stomachs & Intestines	Nil	Nil	Nil

Most of the organs condemned had parasitic infestations or abscesses. There was a tendency for the number of the latter to increase and it is thought that this may be due to intensive rearing and feeding methods.

The standard of the meat trade in the district was good.

Food Premises

1. No. of premises by type of business.

Bakehouses	1
Dairies	1
Butchers' Shops	6
Hotels, Cafes & Inns serving food	11
Grocers' Shops (including Greengrocers, etc.)	34
Fish, fried	1
Fish, fresh	1
Premises for sale of Ice-Cream	31

Note: Certain premises are automatically included under more than one sub-heading, e.g. Cafes and Ice-Cream Premises.

2. No. of Food Premises registered under section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

Premises registered for the sale of Ice-Cream	31
Others	5

3. No. Dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

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4. No. of Inspections of registered Food Premises 31

5. Method of disposal of Condemned Food

Burnt or buried at the Council refuse tip.

6. Examination of Food Consignments Nil

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960.

The number of visits to food premises was again increased compared with the previous year and several improvements to such premises were carried out by owners. The scope for education (of both staff and members of the public visiting food premises) in the principles of hygiene, mentioned in the last report, was still apparent.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

No action was necessary during the year.

A P P E N D I X

FACTORIES ACTS, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provision as to Health (including inspection made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	1	1	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority	22	11	-	-
(3) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding outworkers premises).	1	1	-	-
	24	13	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found Nil